

the highly qualified expert provision of 5 U.S.C. section 9903 with additional financial disclosure and conflict of interest requirements in place;

Pages H2975–76

Childers amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that ensures that training courses for acquisition personnel include market research strategies to ensure that the surrounding market is considered during the contracting process;

Pages H2977–78

Dahlkemper amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program providing for cost savings on non-developmental items by allowing a contracting officer to make an award for an existing contract to an entity submitting a new proposal that provides for a savings of greater than 15%, provided that doing so does not constitute a breach of contract;

Pages H2978–79

Kissell amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires GAO to do a study of the items purchased under 37 U.S.C. section 418, and determine if there is sufficient domestic production of such items to adequately supply members of the Armed Forces. Requires DOD to provide to the House Armed Services Committee, within 6 months of receiving the GAO recommendations, an evaluation of whether items purchased under section 418 of title 37 should be covered under the Berry Amendment;

Pages H2979–80

Grayson amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires DOD to give cost at least equal importance in evaluating competitive proposals for Federal contracts versus other factors or explain any waivers of such requirement;

Pages H2980–81

Hare amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that declares that it is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should ensure full compliance throughout the acquisition process with the Berry Amendment and the Buy American Act. Further, the amendment declares the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense not procure products made by manufacturers in the United States that violate labor standards as defined under the laws of the United States;

Pages H2981–82

Hall (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis ("PARCA") to include performance assessments with significant findings in its annual report. It also requires submission of egregious problems (as defined by the PARCA Director) to the Armed Services Committees (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 227); and

Pages H2970–71, H2982–83

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that creates an Industrial Base

Council within the DOD, supported by existing personnel and funds, to provide recommendations to the Secretary on budget and policy matters related to the industrial base. Requires an annual report to Congress on the Council's activities (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 228).

Pages H2976–77, H2983

H. Res. 1300, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H2952–54

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2982–83, H2983, H2985 and H2986. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Drug Safety. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Request for the GSA. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, GSA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Overview: National Institutes of Health Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

AIR MOBILITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Air Mobility Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michelle D. Johnson, USAF, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command; David M. Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary, Air Force,